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BUILDING

Lansburgh Furniture Co.

512 NINTH
STREETTWO MORE DAYS OF THIS GIGANTIC SALE!
Furniture, Curtains, Draperies, Mattings, Etc.

Bargains—the like of which you've never before been offered.

Several manufacturers have closed out to us their surplus stocks at less than cost of production, and these, together with our own surplus stocks, are now being offered at prices which are ridiculously low.

If you have need of any of the articles detailed below, don't fail to avail yourself of the low prices.

This \$18.50
Table

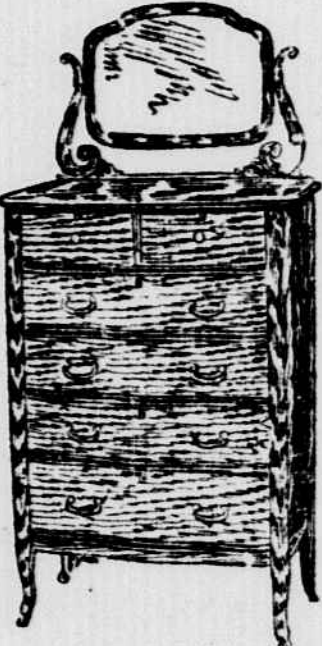
\$13.25



Polished Quartered Oak Pedestal Extension Table. Actual value, \$18.50. Reduced to \$13.25.

This \$15.00 Chiffonier

\$10.90



3 styles of Chiffoniers, in golden oak; swell front; mirror. Reduced from \$15 to \$10.90.

This \$22.00 Dresser

\$14.90



Quartered Oak Dressers; different styles. Worth \$20 and \$22. Cut to \$14.90.

This \$37.00 Brass Bed

\$25.75



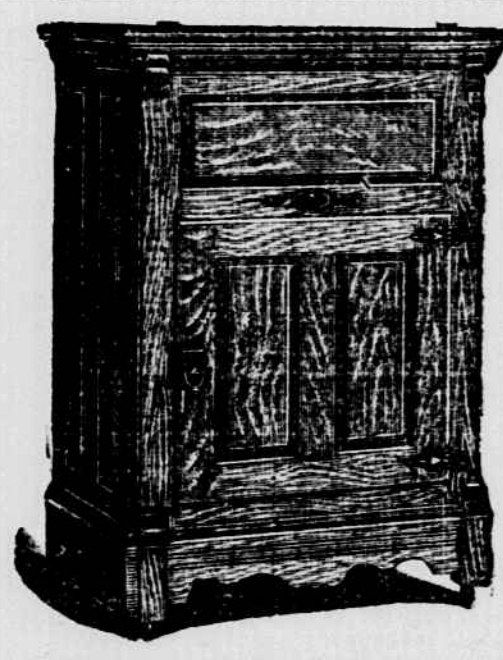
Brass Beds, 2-inch continuous posts. Worth \$37. Cut to \$25.75.

We Invite You to
Open a Credit Account.
We are always glad to arrange
terms of credit to suit you without
extra cost. You need never hesi-
tate to make use of this accommo-
dation, which is free to all our cus-
tomers.

685 Rolls China and Japan
Matting at 1/3 Off.Finest Grade Hand-palmed China Mat-
ting; double turned selvage. Always sold
for, yard, 50c. Special for this sale, 35c.
Extra Heavy China Matting. Sold regular-
ly for 38c. Reduced to, yard, 24 1/2c.

We are sole agents for the
SANITARY Window
Screens. Let us estimate for
your home. Our prices are
the lowest.

We are sole agents for the
DOMESTIC SEWING
MACHINES. Special prices
for this three-day sale.

Golden Oak Dining Room
Chairs. Cut from \$3.75 to \$2.25.Polished Quartered Oak Buf-
fet. Reduced from \$24 to \$16.85.Solid Oak Chiffonier. Worth
\$7.50. Reduced to \$4.90.Golden Oak Princess Dresser;
swell front, with large oval mir-
ror. An \$18 value for \$12.75.Bow-front Quartered Oak
China Closet. Value, \$24. Cut
to \$17.35.3-piece Parlor Suite, detach-
able cushions. Reduced from
\$38 to \$26.25.Collapsible Go-Cart, with
hood. Worth \$10. For this
sale, \$6.90.North Star Refrigerators
At One-Third Off.

We Are the Exclusive Agents in the District.

It is the only Refrigerator insulated with granulated cork,
which according to scientific tests transmits a less number of
units of heat than any other. The ice chamber is lined with
galvanized iron instead of zinc, and the ice rack is made en-
tirely of galvanized iron strongly riveted together. The finish
on outside case is composed of the best materials that can be
obtained, the varnish used being of a higher grade article
than usually used by refrigerator manufacturers.

Mahogany-finish Arm Rock-
er. Regular price, \$4.50. Cut
to \$3.15.Weathered Oak Arm Rocker,
Spanish leather seat. Worth
\$8.50. Reduced to \$5.40.Shirt Waist and Utility Boxes
from \$4.75 to \$2.65.Ladies' Desk, mahogany fin-
ish or golden oak. Reduced
from \$12 to \$7.75.Full-size Felt Mattresses.
Regular price, \$10. Reduced
to \$4.90.Haviland Pattern
China Dinner
Sets,
\$3.35.53-piece Gold Decorated
Haviland Pattern China Din-
ner Sets will be closed out at
the astonishingly low price
of \$3.35.Iron Beds; all sizes. Value,
\$6. Special, \$3.65.

Extraordinary Bargains in Curtains, Draperies, Rugs, Linoleums, Etc.

Our Slip Cover Dept. is now
complete. English Shrunken Lin-
ens, Dimities and Cretonnes.
A postal will bring our repre-
sentative.

24 Mottel Smyrna Hall Run-
ners; 2 ft. 3 in. x 9 ft. \$6.00
value. Special price, \$2.95.3x5 ft. Navajo Indian Rugs,
with seal attached. Worth
\$6.50. For these 3 days, \$3.90.25 Velvet Rugs; 36x72.
Worth \$5.50. Special price,
\$2.90.9x12 Fiber Rugs. Worth \$15.
Special price, \$9.85.130 pairs French Tapestry
Portieres, some with fringe,
others with heavy galloon bor-
der. \$12 value. Pair, \$7.60.131 yards Tapestry for re-
upholstering old furniture; all
colors. Regular, \$3 quality.
Yard, \$1.50.173 \$6 Oriental Couch Cov-
ers, heavily fringed; reversible.
\$6 value. To close, \$2.68.10 rolls German Linoleum,
imported to sell for 75c yard.
Cut to 49c.36x72 Fiber Rugs. Regular
price, \$2. Special price, \$1.220 pairs Nottingham Lace
Curtains; full length and width.
\$2 value. This sale, \$1.10 pair.140 pairs Brussels Effect Lace
Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 54
inches wide. \$5 value. Pair,
\$2.68.93 pairs Real Irish Point Lace
Curtains; the latest spring ef-
fects. \$15 value. Odd lots, to
close, \$6.90.200 Best Quality Japanese
Matting Rugs; woven designs.
Sold for \$1.25. 3 days' special,
85c.6 rolls Imported Inlaid Lino-
leum. Regular price, \$1.50.
Special, yard, 97c.341 yards Red Fish Net, for
summer drapery. 35c yard.
Now 18c yard.1 lot Remnants Tapestry, 2
to 10 yards long. Sold up to \$4
yard. Now, yard, \$1.35.

TO WIPE AWAY DOUBT

Associated Charities Issues
Explanatory Statement.

MAKES ANSWER TO LETTER

Writer Suggests That Little Money
Reaches the Needy.

SEES APPARENT DISCREPANCY

Not Relief Agencies in Usual Ac-
ceptance of Term, But Societies
for Organization.

To remove the misapprehension which
prevails in certain quarters regarding the
purpose and methods of the Associated
Charities, evidenced by a letter recently
received from a prominent lawyer of this
city who had discontinued his subscrip-
tions because it seemed to him upon ex-
amination of the last joint annual report
that an extraordinarily small proportion
of the money contributed actually reaches
those for whom it is contributed, the
joint finance committee makes public a
statement signed by Cuno H. Rudolph, its
chairman, and Walter S. Ufford, the gen-
eral secretary.

Accompanying the statement is a copy
of the letter. Referring to the receipt by
him of circulars urging him to contribute,
in accordance with his custom in pre-
vious years, the gentleman says, in part,
as follows:

"The report of the Associated Charities
shows receipts during the year ending
September 30, 1908, of over \$21,000, less
than \$200 of which is shown to have
reached the poor. Indeed, it does not
clearly appear that over \$100 reached the
needy. The report of the Citizens' Relief
Association for the same year shows re-
ceipts amounting to over \$10,000, and ex-
penditures which would appear to be
strictly charitable payments of over
\$8,000. Taking the two associations the
receipts were about \$30,000, and only
about one-third of that sum appears to
have reached those for whom benefit the
contributions were made. It would seem
to me that when I have anything to give
to charity I could obtain better results
than this in other ways.

"I have found in conversation with
other persons that similar conclusions
have been reached by them. I take the
liberty, therefore, of calling your atten-
tion to the matter, in order to find out
if there is any, and if so, what, explanation
of this apparent discrepancy between con-
tributions and actual relief."

Societies for Organization.
The reply to this communication is as
follows:
"Permit us to thank you for your frank
speaking regarding the use of the funds
of the Associated Charities and the Cit-
izens' Relief Association. The situation in

Washington is very similar to that in all
our large cities. The Associated Charities
here occupy the same position as the
Charity Organization Society of New
York, the bureau of charities of Chicago,
the Society for Organizing Charity of
Philadelphia, the Associated Charities of
Boston and the Charity Organization So-
ciety of Baltimore. All these societies
are doing practically similar work.

Primarily, they are not relief agencies
in the usual acceptance of that term, but
are societies for the organization of char-
ity. They serve as a clearing house and
central registration bureau for the use
of all the local charities, relief agencies
and the churches. Their work is that of
personal service to the poor. This per-
sonal service takes many forms, but the
underlying aim is the rehabilitation of
needy families. This is accomplished by
these organizations through a very care-
ful study or diagnosis of the various and
immediate causes of distress as they ap-
pear upon careful investigation by trained
social workers. Having ascertained what
influences have served to reduce a par-
ticular family to a state of need, the at-
tempt is made to bring to bear upon the
family every possible resource that will
serve to reinstate it as a self-supporting,
self-respecting unit of society. In this
process relief is freely used as needed to
accomplish the end. This relief is not
drawn, as a rule, from the general treas-
ury of any of the societies whose names
are cited above, but each and all of them
have recourse to special funds or to al-
lied relief agencies which are working
hand in hand with them.

Draws on Several Funds.
"In Washington, for example, the Asso-
ciated Charities has for many years
drawn upon the funds of the Citizens' Re-
lief Association for food, fuel, clothing
and other forms of material assistance
as these have been found necessary to
meet the emergent wants of applicants.
Where it is a question of rent, clothing
children for school or making loans, spe-
cial funds are raised by the Associated
Charities. These are known as the golden
book funds, general or special, the school
clothing fund, the needy hour loan fund,
etc. This bureau registered 2,802 new
cases last year in addition to 20,247 cases
previously on record. By consulting these
files, much duplication and waste of char-
itable effort on behalf of needy families
are avoided and unity of action on the
part of all persons charitably interested
in a given family may be secured.

Offices With Trained Workers.
"Maintains eight division offices with a
trained worker in charge of each. These
stations are open daily from 11 to 12:30
and serve as general application bureaus
for the several sections of the city in
which they are located. Each of these
trained agents has at her command the
division conference or group of philan-
thropic men and women who meet weekly
for plans for the families under her care.
In the execution of these plans churches,
employers and relatives who have any

natural connection with the given family
are all sought out in order that their co-
operation in the difficult work of resto-
ration to self-support may be obtained.
"Each agent also has a group of vol-
unteers who work in her neighborhood,
visiting from house to house, teaching
and encouraging thrift. This is accom-
plished by the stamp-saving system con-
ducted by the Associated Charities. Last
year over \$12,000 was collected in small
sums from poor persons, many of whom
must otherwise have been dependent at
some time upon the relief resources at
the command of the association. Through
this natural approach to the residents of
poor neighborhoods not only is thrift en-
couraged, but friendly relations are estab-
lished and valuable counsel from those
who have been given to those who have not.
Over 50,000 visits for stamp savings were
made last year.

"The Associated Charities further in-
vestigates applications for free dispensary
treatment in order to advise these
medical institutions as to the ability of
their poorer clients to pay for medical
service received. The total number of
such applications investigated last year
amounted to 1,571.

Organizes Social Movements.
"Many of the social movements which
have now become independent philan-
thropic have been organized by the Asso-
ciated Charities, notably the Playground
Association and the Association for the
Prevention of Tuberculosis. The Associated

WERE VICTORIOUS IN A DEBATE



H. W. HODGKINS '09



URBAN F. ROSEN '10



MILTON A. KAUFMAN '10

The Central High School debating team,
which defeated the Western High School
boy orators Friday afternoon, was com-
posed of H. F. Rosen, class of 1910; H.
W. Hodgkins, class of 1909, who made the

second direct speech and also spoke in
rebuttal, and M. A. Kaufman. G. W.
Hodgkins was to have taken part in the
debate, but was prevented by illness. The
Central High School had the affirmative

of the question as to whether or not "la-
bor organizations, as at present conducted
in this country, are detrimental to the
best interests of the people."

Charities has for a long time championed
improved housing conditions for the poor.
Other activities might be cited, but this
letter is already too long.

"A gift to the Association for the
Prevention of Tuberculosis means co-operation
in the warfare upon the great
white plague and the removal of one of
the most potent causes of poverty.

Donors May Follow Gifts.
"To one who wishes to follow his gifts
into the homes of needy families and to
know how they are applied the Associated
Charities presents its golden book fund
and its great need for pensions for widows
with young children who should be kept

at home with their mothers rather than
committed to institutions.
"We sincerely appreciate the support
which you have given this work in the
past. We should count it a favor to have
the opportunity to show you in detail our
methods as they are carried out in the
field. A visit to one of our division con-
ferences and a knowledge there gained of
the difficult tasks of our charity workers,
who are in daily contact with the varied
needs of their poor neighbors, we are sure
would convince you that money spent in
this kind of constructive philanthropy is
a sound investment. Our chief desire is
to accomplish in the best and most per-
manent way the work for which we exist
and to merit the support of the thinking
people of the community."

FORESAW HUSBAND'S DEATH.
Wife Planned His Funeral Before
Going Abroad.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Premonition, warn-
ing, intuition—whatever the word may be
—caused Mrs. Harry W. Chester, wife
of a member of the firm of Hibbard,
Spencer, Bartlett & Co., to make ar-
rangements for her husband's funeral
several months before his last illness
and death.

Mr. Chester died March 25, the result
of a severe attack of pneumonia, at his
residence in Park Ridge. He was ill
only a few days and it was said to be the

first illness he had suffered during his
life. Mrs. Chester has been in Europe
for three months. The day following Mr.
Chester's death, however, Mrs. Wilson
H. Perrine of Evanston opened at the
Park Ridge residence and presented a
sealed letter on which was inscribed:
"To be opened only in the event of the
death of my husband, Harry W. Ches-
ter."

This letter was given me by Mrs.
Chester just before she left for Europe,"
Mrs. Perrine explained. "The letter was
opened and read. It contained explicit
directions concerning the funeral of her
husband. When the letter was written
it is declared that Mr. Chester was in
the best of health, and no one suspected
that his death was near."

TO EXPLORE MOUNTAINS.
Duke of the Abruzzi Plans Trip to
the Karakorum.

Special Correspondence of The Star.
LONDON, March 24, 1909.

The Duke of the Abruzzi is not going to
explore the Himalayas, but the Karak-
orum mountains, which form the north-
ern boundary of the Indus valley, and
the object of his exploration is not mount-
ain climbing, but a scientific and geo-
graphical survey of the region.

His expedition will consist of twelve
members, his aid-de-camp, Marchese Ne-
groto; Signor Sella, the photographer;
Dr. De Filippi and three guides and four
porters, all from Savoy. The expedition
will be equipped with instruments for
measuring altitudes and distances and for
taking the so-called photo topography of
the region explored.

It is not unlikely that the duke will at-
tempt to reach some of the highest peaks
of the Karakorum range, but mountain
climbing will be indulged in as a sport
and not with any intention of making
records.

CLOCKS RUN BY WIRELESS.
Work Synchronously Within Radius

of 100 Miles.
Special Correspondence of The Star.

LONDON, March 24, 1909.

The Elektrotechnische Zeitschrift of
Berlin devotes an article to an ingenious
invention by Prof. Reithofer and of the
Viennese clockmaker Morawetz, where-
by clocks within a radius of 100 or 125
miles may be worked synchronously by
means of wireless electric impulses from
a central station.

The station is equipped much as a
wireless telegraphy transmission station.
The apparatus consists of a pendulum
swinging sixty times a minute and a
cogwheel which revolves one cog with
each swing. When sixty cogs have
passed the pendulum and one minute has
elapsed the wireless impulses are set in
motion by the transmission instruments.

All clocks to be synchronized are fitted
with a receiving apparatus and consist
only of a dial, hands and a cogwheel at-
tachment, with electro-magnets, which,
worked by the impulses from the trans-
mission station, move around the hands
of all clocks fitted with the apparatus
in exact synchrony. An ingenious de-
vice prevents foreign electrical impulses
interfering with the working.

M. E. Yeaman, a widely known resident
of Schoolfield, Va., died after a long ill-
ness. He was fifty years old, and leaves
a wife and five children.

MINE FIRE BURNS 25 YEARS

COAL BLAZING FOR MILES UN-
DER OHIO HILLS.Surface of Hocking Valley Being
Changed by Cave In—Birds and
Animals Killed by Fumes.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 3.—In the
southern part of Perry county, Ohio, near
New Straitsville, a mine is burning and
the fire has been in progress without in-
terruption since 1884. It was charged by
the owners at the time that the fire broke out
by striking miners, but whether
this is true or not the fire broke out
while the great miners strike of that
year was in progress. It is no unimpor-
tant mining property that is thus being
slowly destroyed, for it is the well known
Hocking vein of bituminous coal which is
being worked everywhere through the
Hocking valley on a large scale and with
great profit to the mine owners. That no
effort is made either by the owners of
the property or the state to put it out
seems inconsistent with the public move-
ment now being made to preserve the na-
tional resources.

The fire has eaten its way for miles
under the Hocking hills, and the earth
falling in where the coal has been con-
sumed has reduced the surface of the
country to that of a "bad lands." The
heat from the burning coal below so
warms the surface that the snow melts soon
after a snowfall, and the area burned out
can be approximately estimated by noting
the area upon which no snow lies. The
heat is not sufficient, however, to start
verdure on the surface in winter time.
The subterranean fire sends up from
some of the fissures vast volumes of
black smoke, while from others noxious
gases proceed in slow combustion pour-
ing forth unnoticed. These entrap birds and
small animals, and frequently many car-
casses of such animals are found at such
places, especially in the winter season.
Attracted by the warmth and shelter of
the fissures, the birds and animals fre-
quently such places, and are quickly over-
come by the asphyxiating gases. One
farmer last winter lost several cows in
this way.

State Mine Inspector George Harrison
said this week that a great property loss
was being worked, but so extensive was
the fire now and so large a sum of money
would be necessary to put it out that only
the state or nation could take the project
up with the hope of success.

Schooner Rio Grande Is Ashore.

The two-masted bay schooner Rio
Grande, hailing from Annapolis, while
on her way up the river to this city yes-
terday with a cargo of pine lumber
aboard from a Virginia port, ran ashore
on the flats a short distance north of
Shepherd landing of the Baltimore and
Ohio railway and stuck hard and fast.
The vessel was moving at good speed
when she slipped out of the channel upon
the mud. In spite of the efforts of her
crew she could not be budged.
It is expected, however, that the vessel
will be floated by tugs that have gone to
her aid. The steamer is not thought to be
injured. Where she struck is soft bottom.